

# Induced Fit Docking

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# Document Conventions

In addition to the use of italics for names of documents, the font conventions that are used in this document are summarized in the table below.

Font	Example	Use
Sans serif	Project Table	Names of GUI features, such as panels, menus, menu items, buttons, and labels
Monospace	<code>\$SCHRODINGER/maestro</code>	File names, directory names, commands, environment variables, and screen output
Italic	<i>filename</i>	Text that the user must replace with a value
Sans serif uppercase	CTRL+H	Keyboard keys

Links to other locations in the current document or to other PDF documents are colored like this: [Document Conventions](#).

In descriptions of command syntax, the following UNIX conventions are used: braces { } enclose a choice of required items, square brackets [ ] enclose optional items, and the bar symbol | separates items in a list from which one item must be chosen. Lines of command syntax that wrap should be interpreted as a single command.

File name, path, and environment variable syntax is generally given with the UNIX conventions. To obtain the Windows conventions, replace the forward slash / with the backslash \ in path or directory names, and replace the \$ at the beginning of an environment variable with a % at each end. For example, `$SCHRODINGER/maestro` becomes `%SCHRODINGER%\maestro`.

In this document, to *type* text means to type the required text in the specified location, and to *enter* text means to type the required text, then press the ENTER key.

References to literature sources are given in square brackets, like this: [10].



# Introduction

This document provides information about the Schrödinger Induced Fit Docking (IFD) protocol, which uses Glide and Prime to induce adjustments in receptor structures, and the Python script that has been developed to automate the process.

Following this introduction, succeeding chapters provide:

- An Induced Fit Docking tutorial in [Chapter 2](#).
- A description of structure preparation tasks in [Chapter 3](#).
- A description of the Induced Fit Docking panel in [Chapter 4](#).
- Information on using the IFD protocol from the command line in [Chapter 5](#).

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## 1.1 Induced Fit Docking Applications

In standard virtual docking studies, ligands are docked into the binding site of a receptor where the receptor is held rigid and the ligand is free to move. However, the assumption of a rigid receptor can give misleading results, since in reality many proteins undergo side-chain or backbone movements, or both, upon ligand binding. These changes allow the receptor to alter its binding site so that it more closely conforms to the shape and binding mode of the ligand. This is often referred to as “induced fit” and is one of the main complicating factors in structure-based drug design.

The ability to model induced-fit docking has two main applications:

- Generation of an accurate complex structure for a ligand known to be active but that cannot be docked in an existing (rigid) structure of the receptor.
- Rescue of false negatives (poorly scored true binders) in virtual screening experiments, where instead of screening against a single conformation of the receptor, additional conformations obtained with the induced fit protocol are used.

## 1.2 The Induced Fit Docking Protocol

Schrödinger has developed and validated an Induced Fit Docking protocol based on Glide and the Refinement module in Prime that accurately predicts ligand binding modes and concomitant structural changes in the receptor.

The Schrödinger IFD protocol models induced fit docking of one or more ligands using the following steps:

1. Constrained minimization of the receptor (Glide protein preparation, refinement only) with an RMSD cutoff of 0.18 Å.
2. Initial Glide docking of each ligand using a softened potential (van der Waals radii scaling). By default, a maximum 20 poses per ligand are retained, and by default poses to be retained must have a Coulomb-vdW score less than 100 and an H-bond score less than –0.05.
3. One round of Prime side-chain prediction for each protein/ligand complex, on residues within a given distance of any ligand pose (default 5 Å).
4. Prime minimization of the same set of residues and the ligand for each protein/ligand complex pose. The receptor structure in each pose now reflects an induced fit to the ligand structure and conformation.
5. Glide redocking of each protein/ligand complex structure within a specified energy of the lowest-energy structure (default 30 kcal/mol). The ligand is now rigorously docked, using default Glide settings, into the induced-fit receptor structure.
6. Estimation of the binding energy (IFDScore) for each output pose.

Schrödinger has developed a Python script that automates the induced fit docking process. This Python script has an interface in Maestro, in which you can specify the structures and enter settings for various options, and then start the job running. The script then completes the protocol without further intervention. The tutorial in [Chapter 2](#) will guide you through the process of entering settings, launching the job, and examining the results.

The structures you use for induced-fit docking must be prepared in the same manner as for Glide. The protein and ligand preparation must precede the use of the protocol outlined above. For details on protein and ligand preparation, see [Chapter 3](#) of the *Glide User Manual* and the *Protein Preparation Guide* and *LigPrep User Manual*.

The Induced Fit Docking protocol can also be run from the command line, and you can customize the protocol to perform the Glide and Prime steps of your choice. [Chapter 5](#) describes the input file and how to use it for customization of the protocol.



## 1.3 Sample Results

In studies of 14 ligand-receptor pairs that required induced fit docking, the Schrödinger Induced Fit Docking protocol yielded an average heavy-atom RMSD of 1.2 Å for the top-ranked output ligand pose to the native ligand. In contrast, rigid-receptor docking with the same ligand-receptor pairs yielded eight cases in which a pose could not be found and an average RMSD of 6.1 Å for the remaining six pairs. Targets included aldose reductase, CDK2 (2), estrogen receptor, HIV protease, protein kinase B, PPAR-gamma, LXR-beta, and thymidine kinase.

## 1.4 Installation

To run the Schrödinger Suite 2009 Induced Fit Docking protocol, you must install Prime 2.1 and Glide 5.5. To use the automated protocol from Maestro, you must also install Maestro 9.0. Induced Fit Docking using Glide 5.5 and Prime 2.1 is supported on Windows and Linux platforms. For installation instructions and information on platform support and hardware and software requirements, see the [Installation Guide](#).

## 1.5 Running Schrödinger Software

To run any Schrödinger program on a UNIX platform, or start a Schrödinger job on a remote host from a UNIX platform, you must first set the SCHRODINGER environment variable to the installation directory for your Schrödinger software. To set this variable, enter the following command at a shell prompt:

```
cshtcsh:      setenv SCHRODINGER installation-directory  
bash/ksh:    export SCHRODINGER=installation-directory
```

Once you have set the SCHRODINGER environment variable, you can start Maestro with the following command:

```
$SCHRODINGER/maestro &
```

It is usually a good idea to change to the desired working directory before starting Maestro. This directory then becomes Maestro's working directory. For more information on starting Maestro, including starting Maestro on a Windows platform, see [Section 2.1](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*.

## **1.6 Citing Induced Fit Docking in Publications**

The use of this protocol should be acknowledged in publications as:

Schrödinger Suite 2009 Induced Fit Docking protocol; Glide version 5.5, Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2009; Prime version 2.1, Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2009.

# Induced Fit Docking Tutorial

The tutorial in this chapter demonstrates the use of the Schrödinger Induced Fit Docking protocol. Starting with the receptor structure of a protein complexed with a ligand, you will dock a different known active ligand to the active site. The Induced Fit Docking protocol generates multiple poses of the ligand complex, each including unique structural modifications of the receptor to fit the ligand pose, and ranks these poses by GlideScore to find the best structure of the docked complex.

In this case, the protein is human cyclin-dependent kinase 2 (CDK2). The structure of the receptor is derived from the PDB entry 1dm2. The native ligand in the 1dm2 structure is the inhibitor hymenialdisine (HMD); the new ligand that will be docked to that receptor is staurosporine.

This example was chosen as an introduction to the mechanics of using the Induced Fit Docking protocol and is not intended as a research study. The receptor structure provided with the tutorial has been truncated to reduce the time taken by the calculations.

For the purposes of this tutorial, the protein and ligand structures that are provided have already been prepared for Induced Fit Docking. In real applications, you must prepare the protein and the ligands to ensure that they are all-atom structures with correct bond orders and formal charges.

The parameters used in the tutorial have been selected so that the tutorial runs in a relatively short time. In real applications, the default parameters give good results in a very large majority of cases. If you use the default parameters with this tutorial, the Induced Fit Docking job can take approximately 9 CPU hours on a 2 GHz Pentium 4 processor. With the parameters in the tutorial, the total time is about 25 minutes on the same processor.

This tutorial assumes that you have already installed Maestro 9.0, Glide 5.5, Prime 2.1, and supporting third-party programs and databases (PDB, BLAST, HMMER/Pfam). For installation instructions and information on hardware and software requirements, see the [Installation Guide](#).

## 2.1 Preparing for the Tutorial

To prepare for this tutorial, you need to create a working directory, copy files from the Prime distribution to this directory, and start Maestro. The two files that you need, `IFD_ligand.mae` and `IFD_receptor.mae`, are in `$SCHRODINGER/psp-vversion/tutorial`.

1. Change to a directory in which you have write permission.
2. Create a new directory by entering the command:

```
mkdir working-directoryV
```

3. Copy the tutorial files to your working directory:

```
cd working-directory
cp $SCHRODINGER/psp-vversion/tutorial/IFD* .
```

4. Start Maestro by entering the command

```
$SCHRODINGER/maestro &
```

## 2.2 Importing the Receptor

1. Click the Import structures button on the toolbar.



2. In the Import panel, select the file `IFD_receptor.mae`.
3. Click Options.

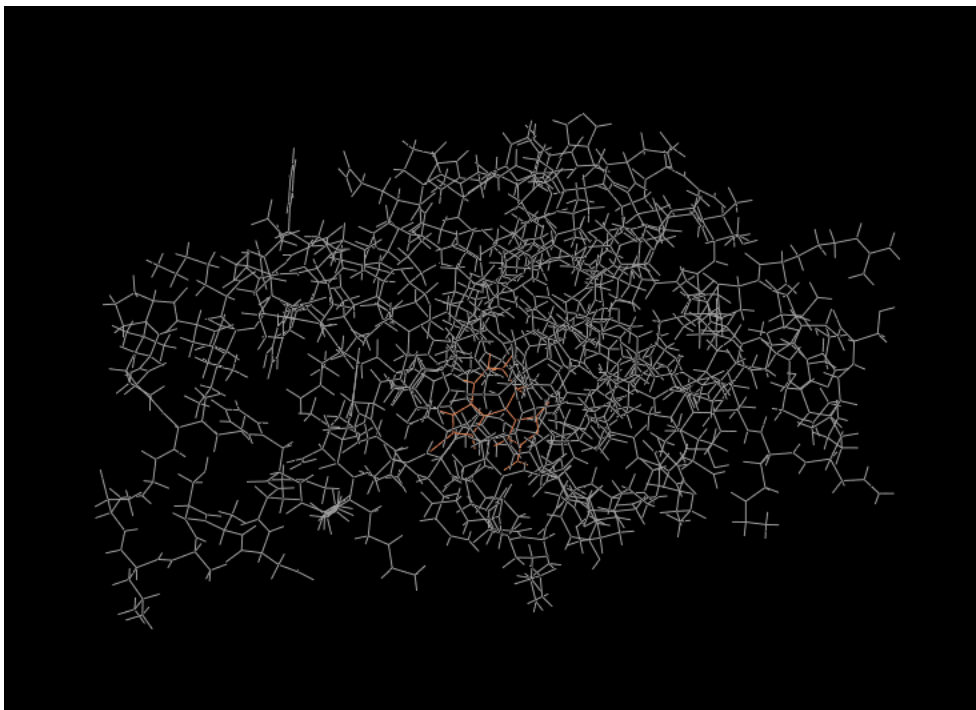
The Import Options dialog box opens.

4. Ensure that the Include in Workspace option selected is First Imported Structure.
5. Click Close.

The Import Options dialog box closes.

6. In the Import panel, click Open.

The receptor-ligand complex appears in the Workspace, as shown in [Figure 2.1](#). The ligand is a nonstandard residue and is therefore colored differently from the receptor.



*Figure 2.1. The receptor complex*

## 2.3 Setting Up the Induced Fit Docking Job

- From the Workflows menu in the main window, choose Induced Fit Docking.

The Induced Fit Docking panel opens, as shown in [Figure 2.2](#).

### 2.3.1 Specifying Job Options

In the Job options section, you can enter a job name, select a host, and enter the number of processors to use for the Glide portion and for the Prime portion of the protocol.

1. Change the Job name to `InducedFit1`.
2. Select a host from the Host menu.

By default, the job is run serially on your local machine. You can distribute the Prime and Glide subjobs over multiple processors. The maximum number of processors you should use is the number of poses, which in this tutorial is 2.

The screenshot shows the 'Induced Fit Docking' window with the following settings:

- Job options:**
  - Job name: InducedFit1
  - Host: hina\_medium
  - # Prime CPUs: 2
  - # Glide CPUs: 2
- Glide grid setup:**
  - Box center: ☒ Centroid of the ligand: :HMD400 ☐ Pick
  - ☐ Centroid of the residues:
  - Box size: ☒ Auto ☐ Specify:
  - Receptor H-bond or metal constraint atoms:  ☐ Pick
- Ligands to be docked:**
  - ☒ File: /nfs/zone1/dyall/inducedfit/IFD\_ligand.mae
  - ☐ Selected entries
- Step 1: Initial Glide docking:**
  - ☒ Protein Preparation constrained refinement
  - ☒ Remove side chains of residues: A:10B
  - Receptor van der Waals scaling: 0.70
  - Ligand van der Waals scaling: 0.50
  - # Poses: 2
- Step 2: Prime induced fit:**
  - Refine residues within 3.4 Å of ligand poses
  - ☒ Optimize Side Chains
  - Additional residues:
  - Omitted residues:
  - ☐ Use implicit membrane
- Step 3: Glide redocking:**
  - Redock into structures within 30.0 kcal/mol of the best structure, and within the top 20 structures overall.
  - ☒ SP ☐ XP

Buttons at the bottom: Start, Write, Reset, Close, Help.

**Figure 2.2. The Induced Fit Docking panel.**

3. If you selected a multiprocessor host, enter 2 in the # Prime CPUs text box and in the # Glide CPUs text box.

### 2.3.2 Defining the Receptor and Enclosing Box

The receptor must be distinguished from the complexed ligand in order for the Glide grid generation portion of the protocol to run correctly. The following options are set in the Glide grid setup section:

1. Ensure that the Box center option selected is Centroid of the ligand.

2. Select Pick to the right of the Centroid of the ligand option.

3. Click on a ligand atom in the Workspace.

The ligand is defined in the text box, and the grid center and enclosing box are displayed in the Workspace.

4. Ensure that the Box size option selected is Auto (the default).

The position and size of the enclosing box are defined automatically, based on the selected ligand.

### 2.3.3 Specifying a Ligand File To Be Docked

1. In the Ligands to be docked section, click Browse.

2. Open the file containing the ligand, IFD\_ligand.mae.

### 2.3.4 Specifying Initial Glide Docking Options

In the Step 1: Initial Glide docking section, you specify the refinement phase of protein preparation, choose whether to temporarily remove active-site residue side chains, and select options for the first round of Glide ligand docking. This preliminary docking is typically performed with both the receptor and the ligand “softened” by van der Waals radii scaling. By default, the scaling factor is 0.50 for the receptor and 0.50 for the ligand.

1. Ensure that Protein Preparation constrained refinement is selected (the default).

2. Select the option Remove side chains of residues.

The Receptor van der Waals scaling factor is automatically changed to 0.70. Removing side chains from active-site residues provides more room for ligand docking, so the receptor does not need to be quite as soft. The side chains are restored after docking.

3. Click the Select button to the right of the Remove side chains of residues text box.

The Atom Selection dialog box opens.

4. Click Clear under the ASL text box to clear the previous selection if necessary.

5. In the Residue folder, select Sequence.

6. In the Entry (Chain) list, select 1(A).

7. In the Sequence list, select ILE 10 B.

8. Click Add, then click OK.

Residue 10, isoleucine, is selected for side-chain removal. This residue is temporarily mutated to alanine during the initial Glide docking.

9. Enter 2 in the # Poses text box.

Normally you would leave this value at the default. This choice is solely to obtain results in a reasonable time.

### 2.3.5 Specifying Prime Induced Fit Options

In the section Step 2: Prime induced fit, you will reduce the distance from the ligand that defines residues for refinement. This is done solely to speed up the calculations. In real applications, you should not in general reduce this distance below the default of 5.0 Å.

1. Enter 3.4 in the Refine residues within  $m$  Å of ligand poses text box.
2. Ensure that Optimize side chains is selected.

The remaining options in this and lower sections are left at their default values. Most of the changed values are for the purpose of shorter execution time. In real applications, you would not make these settings. You are now ready to run the job.

## 2.4 Running the Induced Fit Docking Job

The Induced Fit Docking protocol is basically a series of Glide and Prime jobs. The panel writes the input file that defines the sequence of jobs, then submits the job for execution.

1. Click Start.

The message: Job *jobname* launched is displayed in a message box.

2. Click OK to dismiss the message box.

The following files and directories should be present in your working directory:

InducedFit1.inp	InducedFit1_lig.mae	InducedFit1.log
InducedFit1_rec.mae	InducedFit1.restart	InducedFit1_workdir/

While the job is running, the job log is written to *jobname.log*. The job log lists the input parameters and the ligands to be docked, then reports progress on the job stages of the protocol. The job stages are described in [Table 5.2 on page 28](#). The log also lists the subjobs that the job launches and the output files they produce. You can monitor the progress of the job in the Monitor panel. An example of the log file for this tutorial is shown in [Section 5.3 on page 37](#). The total time for this job on a 1.8 GHz Pentium 4 processor with 256 kB cache was about 30 minutes.



## 2.5 Viewing Results

In ordinary flexible-ligand Glide docking, a “pose” or “ligand pose” is a particular conformation of the ligand with respect to the receptor. Because ordinary Glide uses a rigid receptor, each pose combines a unique ligand conformation with an identical receptor structure. In the context of rigid-receptor docking, the term “pose” is equivalent to “ligand pose.”

In Induced Fit Docking, both the ligand and the receptor conformation are different for each pose. In the context of induced fit docking, the term “pose” is used for each unique complex structure.

The output structures from the Induced Fit Docking job are stored in a Maestro file, *jobname-out.mae*.

1. Click the Import Structures button on the main toolbar.



The Import panel opens.

2. Choose Maestro from the Files of type option menu.
3. Navigate to your working directory and select *InducedFit1-out.mae*.
4. Click Open.

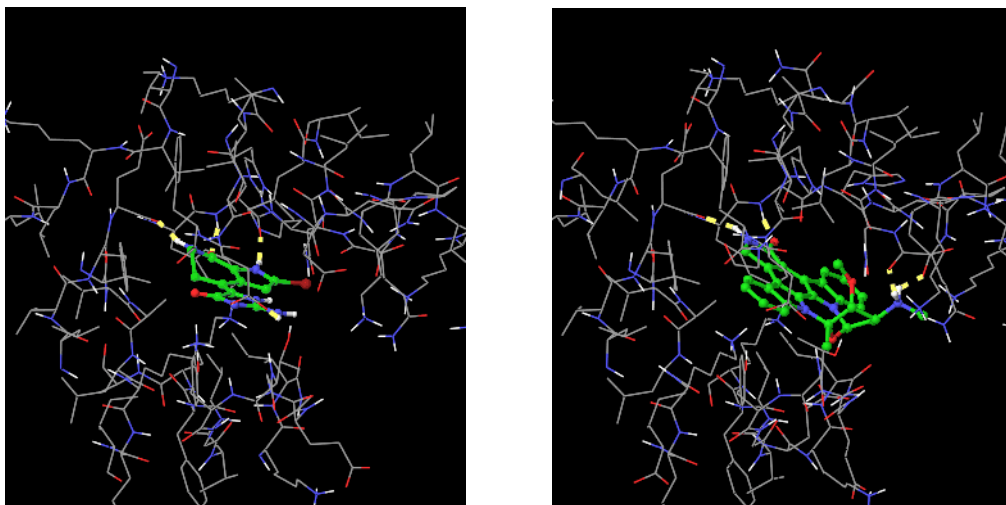
The first pose from the output file is displayed in the Workspace. By default, only the ligand and the residues that were refined are displayed. If you cannot see the structure, click the Fit to screen button.



5. If the Project Table panel is not displayed, click the Open/close project table button on the main toolbar.



The input structure, with the native hymenialdisine ligand, and the best staurosporine pose are displayed in [Figure 2.3](#). To display images like these, follow the instructions below.



**Figure 2.3. The native hymenialdisine structure (left) and the best staurosporine structure (right).**

6. Choose Molecule from the Display only selected atoms style button menu on the main toolbar.



7. Pick an atom in the ligand.

The protein residues are undisplayed, and only the ligand is visible.

8. Choose +6 Å from the Display residues within N Å of currently selected atoms button menu on the main toolbar.



Protein residues within 6 Å of the ligand are displayed. There are now sufficient residues displayed to see the context of the ligand, but not too many to obscure the view.

9. Include the CDK2-frag entry in the Workspace and repeat the instructions from [Step 6](#).
10. Choose Apply Style from the Apply Workspace style button menu on the Workspace Style toolbar.



If the Workspace Style toolbar is not displayed, choose View > Toolbars > Workspace Style.

The representation of the pose in the Workspace is updated to highlight the ligand and the binding site residues.

The Workspace Style default representation settings can be adjusted by choosing Settings from the Apply Workspace style button menu. For more information about the Workspace Style toolbar, see [Section 6.5](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*.

11. Choose Reapply when Workspace changes from the Apply Workspace style button menu.



The representation settings will now be updated when you include an alternate pose in the Workspace.

12. Choose Receptor-Ligand H-bonds from the Display contacts and H-bonds button menu.



The hydrogen bonds between the receptor and ligand are shown as dashed yellow lines.

13. Zoom in on the ligand, center it (right-click a ligand atom), and rotate it to a suitable view.
14. Compare the alternate poses by including their entries one at a time.

For more information on changing how structures are represented in the Workspace, see [Chapter 6](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*.



# Preparing Structures

Before you run an Induced Fit Docking job, you must prepare the receptor and the ligands. Instructions for these preparation tasks are given below.

## 3.1 Preparation of the Receptor

Proper preparation of the protein or protein-ligand complex to be used as the receptor is critical to the success of Induced Fit Docking. Both Glide and Prime have certain requirements, and in addition there are requirements for Induced Fit Docking.

In general, the Induced Fit Docking procedure requires a complete, all-atom structure (explicit hydrogens present) with correct bond orders and formal charges. If you are starting with a typical PDB structure (heavy atoms only), the hydrogen atoms are usually implicit, and there may be missing atoms or residues in the structural information, and atom or residue labels that are incorrect. All of these issues must be addressed before proceeding.

When you import a PDB structure into Maestro, it is color coded according to various problems detected in the input data. You can use these color codes to identify and fix the structure. For more information, see [Section 3.1.4](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*. Apart from problems indicated by the color coding, other structural problems may exist that must be fixed. These problems are often only detected by careful inspection of the structure, particularly in the active site.

Maestro provides the means to automatically fix most of these problems in the Protein Preparation Wizard panel, which you open from the Workflows menu. A description of how to use this panel is given in [Chapter 2](#) of the *Protein Preparation Guide*. Procedures for manually fixing structures, including problems that are not fixed by the Protein Preparation Wizard, are given in [Chapter 3](#) of the *Protein Preparation Guide*.

You do not need to perform the refinement step in the Protein Preparation Wizard, as this part is done in the Induced Fit Docking procedure.

The general steps in the protein preparation procedure for Induced Fit Docking are:

1. Import the PDB protein structure.
2. Examine the structure for problems, including noting the color code.
3. Fix bond orders, formal charges, and atom names.

The ligand residues are usually the ones that are colored orange. Fixing the ligand is a prerequisite for any Prime refinement calculation that you may do to fix other problems. This is not the same as preparation of the ligands for docking, which is treated in the next section. You must fix the bond orders, formal charges, and PDB atom names before you can run Prime.

Check also for groups that you expect to have formal charges, to ensure that these charges are correct. Note that the symmetry of nitro and carboxylate groups is automatically accounted for. You should assign the formal charges and bond orders according to the Lewis structure.

4. Fix residues that are missing atoms with a Prime side-chain prediction.

These residues are colored red on PDB import. See [Section 3.6](#) of the *Protein Preparation Guide* for instructions on fixing these residues. When you come to setting up the Induced Fit Docking job, you should also consider selecting any of these residues that are close to the active site for mutation—see [Section 4.4 on page 24](#).

5. Check for missing residues.

The residues at the breaks are not usually color-coded. If there are breaks, you will need to do a Prime calculation to predict the structure of the missing residues. See [Section 3.7](#) of the *Protein Preparation Guide*.

6. Check the active site for incorrect side-chain geometry, protonation state or tautomerization, and fix as appropriate.

This task is performed by the Wizard; to perform the changes manually, see [Section 3.8](#) and [Section 3.9](#) of the *Protein Preparation Guide*.

7. Run a Prime Energy calculation to check that all the problems were fixed.

If the Prime energy does not look reasonable, it is likely that some problems have not been fixed. You should then inspect the protein for possible remaining problems.

### To run a Prime energy calculation:

1. From the Prime submenu of the Applications menu, choose Refinement.

The Prime Refinement panel opens.

2. From the Task option menu, choose Energy Analysis.
3. Click Start.

The Start dialog box opens.

4. Make any job settings, then click Start.

## 3.2 Preparation of the Ligands To Be Docked

Each ligand that will be docked to the receptor must also meet certain requirements. Like the receptor, it must have correct bond orders, formal charges, and a complete set of hydrogens for a valid ionization state. You can run the ligands through the Schrödinger application LigPrep to produce one or more desired ligand conformations and ionization states. See the [LigPrep User Manual](#) for information on this application.

In addition to the structure preparation, the names of the atoms in each ligand to be docked must satisfy two conditions:

- All atoms in the ligand must have the same PDB Residue Name, Residue Number, and Chain Name. This condition is satisfied automatically during job execution, so you do not need to do anything. The program sets the PDB residue name to “UNK”, the chain name to Z, the residue number to 999, and the insertion code to blank. These values ensure that there is no conflict with the receptor.
- All atoms must have PDB Atom Names that are unique within the ligand residue, as required for parameter generation. Prime attempts to ensure that atoms have unique PDB atom names, but if it does not succeed in this task, the job will fail. It is therefore highly recommended to correct the ligand if it does not satisfy this condition. If it does not, you must first ensure that the ligand is a single residue.

To check whether a ligand satisfies these conditions and correct it if it does not, use the procedures below. Before doing so, ensure that only the ligand is displayed in the Workspace.

The ligands to be docked must be in a single Maestro file. If you have prepared ligands in Maestro, you should export them to a Maestro file.

### To check that all atoms in the ligand residue have the same residue information:

1. From the Display menu, choose Atom Labels.  
The Atom Labels panel opens.
2. In the Composition folder, clear all selections, then select Residue name, Residue number, and Chain name.
3. Ensure that the Mode option is Add.
4. Click All in the Label Atoms section.

The labels are displayed, which you can examine to ensure that they are the same.

### **To correct the residue information:**

1. From the Edit menu, choose Residue Properties.

The Build panel opens at the Residue Properties folder.

2. Choose the property from the Property option menu.
3. Enter a value in the appropriate text box.
4. Click All.

### **To check that all atoms have unique PDB atom names within the residue:**

1. Include only the ligand in the Workspace.

2. From the Display menu, choose Atom Labels.

The Atom Labels panel opens.

3. In the Composition folder of the Atom Labels panel, clear all selections, then select PDB atom name.
4. Ensure that the Mode option is Add.
5. Click All in the Label Atoms section.

### **To correct ligands that do not have unique PDB atom names:**

1. Open the Build panel.
2. In the Atom Properties folder, choose PDB Atom Name from the Property option menu.
3. In the Set unique PDB atom names within residues section, click All.



# Running Induced Fit Docking from Maestro

The Induced Fit Docking protocol is run from Maestro using the Induced Fit Docking panel. To open the panel, choose Induced Fit Docking from the Applications menu.

Before you run the Induced Fit Docking protocol, you must prepare the protein and the ligands. Instructions for these preparation tasks are given in [Chapter 3](#).

To run the protocol on a receptor, the receptor must be displayed in the Workspace. You should ensure that only the desired protein structure or protein-ligand complex is included in the Workspace. If you are using a protein-ligand complex, you must ensure that the complex is a single entry. If it is not, choose Merge from the Entry menu in the Project Table panel to merge the ligand and the receptor into a single entry, and display the merged entry. Pose viewer files from Glide, for example, have the receptor and the ligands in separate entries, so the receptor entry must be merged with the chosen ligand entry.

The features available in the Induced Fit Docking panel are described in the following subsections. Along with each panel feature, some related details about using the protocol are discussed.

If you want to run the Induced Fit Docking protocol from the command line, see [Chapter 5](#). The command line also offers the possibility of running the protocol on more than one receptor.

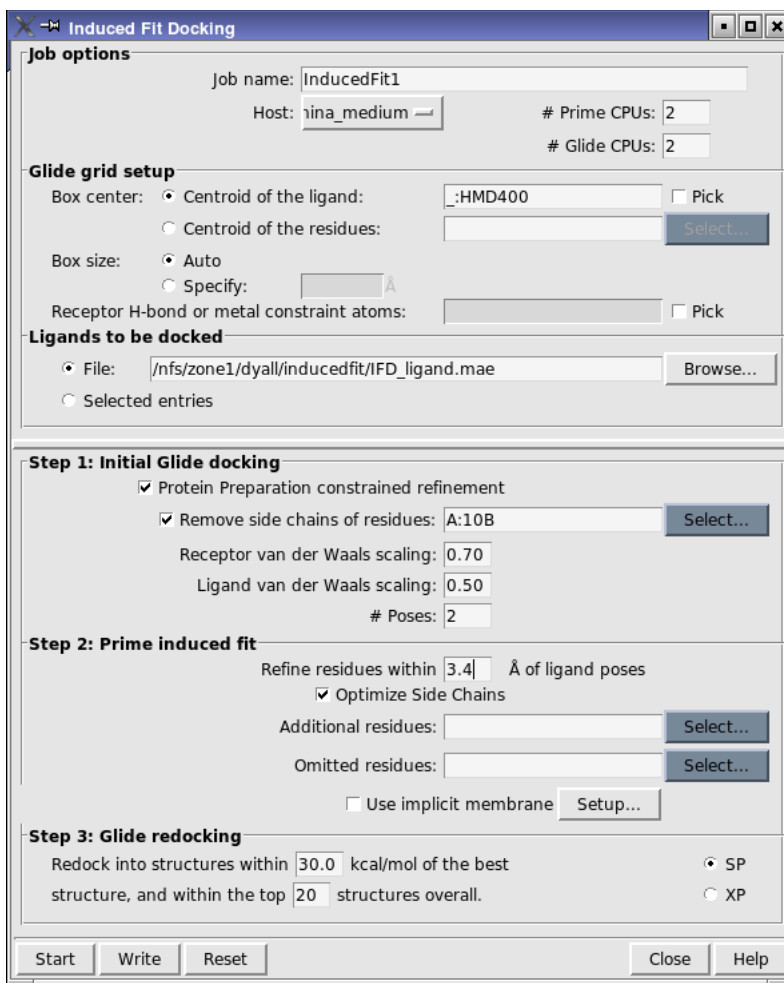
## 4.1 General Panel Layout

The Induced Fit Docking panel is divided into two parts. The upper part of the panel includes the following sections, which contain options applying to more than one step of the job:

- Job options
- Glide grid setup
- Ligands to be docked

The lower part of the panel includes sections corresponding to steps in the induced fit docking protocol:

- Step 1: Initial Glide docking
- Step 2: Prime induced fit
- Step 3: Glide redocking



**Figure 4.1. The Induced Fit Docking panel.**

Below the option sections are three buttons:

- **Start**—Starts the induced fit docking job.
- **Write**—Generates input files that can be used with the `ifd` utility to launch induced fit docking from the command line. Does not start the job.
- **Reset**—Resets all the settings in the Induced Fit Docking panel to their defaults.

## 4.2 Global Options

In the upper section of the panel you can specify options that apply to all steps of the job.

### 4.2.1 Job Options

The section headed Job options includes settings for the most general aspects of the job:

- **Job name**—The default name is `InducedFit`. Use different names for successive jobs to avoid overwriting job files and the `jobname_workdir` directory.
- **Host**—The default is `localhost`, the machine on which Maestro is running; you can also choose a remote host from the list. If you intend to distribute subjobs over multiple CPUs, choose an appropriate multiprocessor host. Note that a master job runs on the local host, even if you selected a different host to run the calculations on.
- **# Prime CPUs**—The number of CPUs over which to distribute Prime subjobs. Each pose is run as a separate subjob. There is no benefit in specifying more CPUs than the number of poses.
- **# Glide CPUs**—The maximum number of CPUs on which to run Glide subjobs simultaneously. If multiple ligands are being docked, each can be run as a separate subjob. There is no benefit in specifying more CPUs than the number of poses.

### 4.2.2 Glide Grid Setup

The section headed Glide grid setup has options for defining the size and position of the receptor region for which grids will be generated, and also for defining H-bond and metal constraints.

Box center

- **Centroid of the ligand**—This option centers receptor grids at the centroid of the molecule you select as the ligand. To define the ligand, select **Pick** and pick a ligand atom in the Workspace.
- **Centroid of the residues**—This option, which must be used if no ligand is present in the receptor structure in the Workspace, centers receptor grids at the centroid of a set of residues that you define. To choose the residues, click **Select**, and use the tools in the Atom Selection dialog box.

Box size

- **Auto**—If the Box center option is **Centroid of the ligand**, the enclosing box size is calculated automatically from the size of the ligand. If the Box center option is **Centroid of the**

residues, the enclosing box size is set to 26 Å on a side.

- **Specify**—Select this option to specify the length of each edge of the enclosing box.

#### Receptor H-bond or metal constraint atoms

Select **Pick** to pick atoms in the receptor structure to be used for Glide H-bond or metal constraints. The atoms should be hydrogen-bond acceptors (e.g. O, N, S, with lone pairs available), hydrogen-bond donors (e.g. H in OH, NH, SH groups), or metal atoms. The atoms that are picked are listed in the text box. Symmetry-related atoms (such as the other O atom in a carboxylate group) are automatically included as constraints, so you only need to pick one. The H-bond constraints that you define will be used as required constraints in both docking steps. The constraints are applied using the default feature sets for hydrogen-bond donors and acceptors, and metal atoms. For more information on H-bond and metal constraints in Glide, see [Section 4.4.2](#) and [Section 5.5.1](#) of the *Glide User Manual*.

### 4.2.3 Ligands To Be Docked

There are two options for the ligands to be docked:

- **File**—Enter the file name in the text box, or use the **Browse** button to open a file selector and navigate to the file. The file must contain one or more ligand structures to be docked. The file can be compressed or uncompressed. The file name is displayed in the **File** text box.
- **Selected entries**—Use the selected entries in the Project Table as the source of ligands. These entries are written to a file named *jobname\_lig.mae*.

## 4.3 Step-Specific Options

#### Step 1: Initial Glide docking

- **Protein Preparation constrained refinement**—Selected by default, this option specifies that the refinement portion of the Protein Preparation facility be run on the receptor. The constrained minimization ends when the RMSD is 0.18 Å or less.
- **Remove side chains of residues**—Select this option if you want to remove the side chains of one or more residues during initial docking. After selecting the option, click the **Select** button to open the Atom Selection dialog box and select the residues for which side chains should be temporarily removed. This is equivalent to mutating the selected residues to alanine for the initial docking procedure. The original residue types are retained, and used to restore the original side chains later in the Induced Fit Docking process. For more information on selecting side chains, see [Section 4.4 on page 24](#).

- **Receptor van der Waals scaling**—By default, van der Waals radii of nonpolar receptor atoms are scaled by a factor of 0.50 for the initial Glide docking. If you have specified one or more residues for side-chain removal, the default scaling factor is automatically changed to 0.70. The binding-site residue mutation is expected to reduce the need to soften the receptor potential by van der Waals radii scaling.
- **Ligand van der Waals scaling**—The default scaling factor for nonpolar ligand atoms is 0.50.
- **# Poses**—The default maximum number of poses to keep for each ligand is 20. If you are docking many ligands, you should consider reducing the number of poses to keep.

### Step 2: Prime induced fit

- **Refine residues within  $n$  Å of ligand poses**—The default, 5.0 Å, is recommended. With smaller values, jobs will run faster but the results may not be good if significant side-chain movement is necessary to accommodate the new ligand. With larger values, jobs will run slower but not necessarily yield better results. While 5.0 Å is the recommended value, values ranging from about 4 – 8 Å are reasonable to try.
- **Optimize side chains**—By default, side chains are optimized. If this option is deselected, Prime skips the optimization of side chains and proceeds with the minimization of the selected residues and ligand. Skipping the side-chain optimization results in a faster calculation. Apart from speed, you might want to deselect this option if you are confident that the side chain conformations are essentially correct, or want to relax the structure without risking putting the side chains in new, and possibly incorrect, conformations.
- **Additional residues**—Click the **Select** button to choose residues that should undergo Prime refinement even if they are more than  $n$  Å distant from any ligand pose. This button opens the Atom Selection dialog box.
- **Omitted residues**—Click the **Select** button to specify residues that need not undergo Prime refinement even if they are within  $n$  Å of a ligand pose. This button opens the Atom Selection dialog box.
- **Use implicit membrane**—Select this option to use the Prime implicit membrane model for all Prime calculations. If the Workspace structure does not already have a membrane model, click **Setup** to open the Prime Membrane Setup panel and set up the membrane. See [Section 7.3](#) of the *Prime User Manual* for information on the implicit membrane model.

For more information on selecting residues for refinement, see [Section 4.5 on page 25](#).

Step 3: Glide redocking

- Redock into structures within  $n$  kcal/mol of the best structure, and within the top  $m$  structures overall—The default for the window  $n$  is 30.0 kcal/mol, and the maximum number of structures  $m$  defaults to 20, though of course it cannot exceed the number of ligand poses generated in the initial Glide docking step.
- Precision options
  - SP—Standard-precision Glide docking. This is the default.
  - XP—Extra-precision Glide docking. This option is recommended only when you are redocking a small number of low-energy structures. To ensure that this is the case, you can make the redocking window  $n$  narrower than the default, reduce the maximum number of structures  $m$  to be redocked, or both.

## 4.4 Selecting Side Chains for Removal

In the initial docking, you can remove the side chains of some residues to ensure that they do not prevent the ligands from docking in the preferred orientation. This is important if the side chains move significantly upon docking. It is also important if there is more than one binding mode, and if there were problems in the PDB structure. As a general rule-of-thumb, you should select no more than three side chains. The residues containing these side chains are temporarily mutated to alanine for the initial docking step.

The following paragraphs describe situations in which you would want to choose residues for mutation in decreasing order of importance.

- a. If the protein is apo and there are existing holo proteins, superimpose the apo structure on one of the holo proteins and select residues in the active site that adopt significantly different positions.
- b. If there are side chains with multiple occupancy (colored green on PDB import) or have missing density (colored red on PDB import), and either are within 5 Å of the ligand, they should be included in the side chain mutation.
- c. If there are multiple structures in the unit cell (that have been independently solved in the X-ray structure determination, for example), superimpose these structures with the Protein Structure Alignment panel (Tools menu), and look at the active site residues. Any residues for which the side chains are in different locations should be considered for mutation.
- d. Any side chain with a temperature factor (B) greater than about 40 should be considered for mutation, but not if the whole structure has high B values. If the whole structure has

high temperature factors, then rank the residues in order of decreasing temperature factors and chose from the top of this list until a maximum of 3 residues is chosen.

## 4.5 Selecting Residues for Refinement

In general, you should choose residues for refinement that are within 5 Å of the active site, which is the default. To these you should add residues beyond this limit that have large motion—for example, if they are part of a helix or loop that goes close to the active site.

It is usually not necessary to omit residues. If you are confident that the side chains are fixed, such as if they are bound to a metal ion, you could omit the refinement of these residues. In the case that there is a metal ion in the active site, the protein side chains that are ligating the metal should be omitted.

## 4.6 Induced Fit Docking Results

When an Induced Fit Docking job finishes, it creates a Maestro file named *jobname-out.mae* in the launch directory. This file contains the output poses with their IFDScore. This score is the sum of the GlideScore from the redocking step and 5% of the Prime energy from the refinement calculation.

To view the results, you can import the structures from the Maestro file. By default, only the ligand and the residues that were refined are displayed in the Workspace.





# Running Induced Fit Docking from the Command Line

If you simply want to run the standard Induced Fit Docking protocol, the Induced Fit Docking panel in Maestro provides the easiest means of running the calculations, with a range of options. If you want to set up options that are not available from Maestro, customize the steps in the protocol, add steps or rearrange steps, you can do so by editing the input file and submitting the job from the command line. The input file is designed so that you can tailor the protocol to your specific task, within the scope of the tools available.

## 5.1 The ifd Command

You can use the `ifd` command to launch an Induced Fit Docking job from the command line:

```
$SCHRODINGER/ifd [options] jobname.inp
```

The job settings, including host and number of CPUs, are taken from the input file. You must run this script in the directory in which `jobname.inp` resides. The command supports the standard `-NICE` Job Control option, and the options given in [Table 5.1](#). The format of the input file is described in the next section.

*Table 5.1. Options for the ifd command*

Option	Description
<code>-OVERWRITE</code>	Overwrite the input file
<code>-RESTART</code>	Restart the job with the specified input file. The file <code>jobname.restart</code> must exist; this file contains the current state of a job.

## 5.2 The ifd Input File

The input file for the `ifd` command defines the stages of the protocol and the order in which they are executed in addition to defining the input settings for each stage. This means that you can define your own protocol with the available stages. You can specify any stage multiple times, and the stages are run in the order in which you specify them.

The input file is structured as follows:

```
<Global Settings section>
STAGE stage-name1
    <Stage settings>
STAGE stage-name2
    <Stage settings>
...
```

Table 5.2. Description of stages in the induced fit docking protocol.

Stage	Description
COMPILE_RESIDUE_LIST	Compile a list of residues for refinement.
GLIDE_DOCKING	Dock ligands using Glide. This stage includes both grid generation and ligand docking.
PPREP	Prepare the protein using the refinement part of the Glide protein preparation facility.
PRIME_LOOP	Perform a Prime loop prediction for the specified loop.
PRIME_MINIMIZATION	Perform a Prime minimization on the compiled list of residues.
PRIME_REFINEMENT	Perform a Prime refinement on the compiled list of residues.
SCORING	Calculate scores for the poses.
SORT_AND_FILTER	Sort and filter poses.
TRIM_SIDECHAINS	Temporarily mutate the specified residues to alanine, to remove side chains for a following docking stage.

Each group of settings consists of a line containing a keyword and its value. The settings for a stage apply only to that stage. If you repeat a stage, the settings revert to their defaults unless you explicitly set them. The list of stages is given in [Table 5.2](#).

Some keywords take a residue, a list of residues, or a list of atoms as their value. Residues are specified in the format *chain:residue*, where *chain* is the single-letter chain name and *residue* is the residue number and insertion code, for example A:151C. Atoms are specified in the format *chain:residue:atom*, where *atom* is the PDB atom name, for example A:151:\_N\_\_, and underscores are used instead of blanks. In the descriptions below, *residue-spec* and *atom-spec* are used to denote these specifications.

## 5.2.1 Global Settings

This section contains settings that affect the whole job, and consists of host settings and receptor input file definitions. The keywords for this section are given in [Table 5.3](#). Note that there is no benefit in specifying more CPUs than the number of poses.

## 5.2.2 The PPREP Stage

The PPREP stage has one setting, `RMSD value`, which specifies the convergence threshold for the constrained minimization of the Glide protein preparation. The minimization ends when the RMSD is less than or equal to *value*.

*Table 5.3. Keywords for the global settings section*

Keyword	Description
INPUT_FILE	Specify the file name for the receptor. Multiple receptors can be specified, either in a single file or by including multiple instances of this keyword. The IFD protocol is applied to each receptor independently and the results collated.
NUM_GLIDE_CPUS	The maximum number of CPUs over which to distribute Glide subjobs. When docking multiple ligands, each can be run as a separate subjob. Default: 1.
NUM_PRIME_CPUS	Specify the number of CPUs over which to distribute Prime subjobs. Each pose is run as a separate subjob. Default: 1.
SUBJOB_HOST	Specify the host on which to run Glide and Prime subjobs. Default is localhost.

## 5.2.3 The TRIM\_SIDECHAINS Stage

This stage has a single keyword, `RESIDUES`, which is followed by a list of residue specifications. The list specifies the residues whose side chains should be temporarily removed by mutating the residues to alanine. The next Glide docking step uses the mutated residues. The original residue types are retained, and used to restore the original side chains later in the Induced Fit Docking process. For more information on selecting side chains, see [Section 4.4 on page 24](#).

## 5.2.4 The GLIDE\_DOCKING Stage

This stage performs the Glide grid generation and ligand docking. Settings for Glide are made in this section. If multiple receptors are specified in the input files, the settings are applied to each receptor. This means that the binding site is defined by the same residue specifications for each receptor. For example, if a ligand is used, it must have the same residue name, residue number, and chain ID in each complex.

Table 5.4. Keywords for the *GLIDE\_DOCKING* stage.

Keyword	Description
BINDING_SITE	Grid center. The center can be specified in one of the following ways: coords <i>x,y,z</i> ligand <i>residue-spec</i> residues <i>residue-spec, residue-spec, ...</i> coords specifies the grid center directly; ligand specifies the centroid of the ligand, and residues specifies the centroid of the listed residues.
CONSTRAINT_ATOMS	Comma-separated list of Glide H-bond constraint atoms: <i>atom-spec, atom-spec, ...</i> . Any constraints that are set are applied in docking: there are no optional constraints.
CV_CUTOFF	Threshold for rejecting poses based on Coulomb-van der Waals energy. Poses are rejected if the energy is greater than the threshold. Default: 0.00
HBOND_CUTOFF	Threshold for rejecting poses based on hydrogen bonding energy. Poses are rejected if the energy is greater than the threshold. Default: 0.00
INNER_BOX	Dimension of ligand bounding box. Default: 10.0
LIGAND_CCUT	Partial charge threshold for scaling ligand van der Waals radii. Default: 0.15
LIGAND_FILE	Name of ligand file. Must be in Maestro format. No default.
LIGAND_SCALE	Scaling factor for ligand van der Waals radii. Default: 0.80
LIGANDS_TO_DOCK	List of ligands to dock from the ligand file. Can take the values <i>all</i> , <i>self</i> (ligand that was last docked with this receptor), or a comma-separated list of integers with no white space. Default: <i>all</i>
MAX_LIG_ATOMS	Maximum number of ligand atoms. Ligands that do not meet this criterion are discarded. Default: 200
MAX_POSESPERLIG	Maximum number of poses per ligand. Default: 1
MAX_ROT_BONDS	Maximum number of rotatable bonds. Ligands that do not meet this criterion are discarded. Default: 35
MAX_TOTALPOSES	Maximum total number of poses. Default: 100000
MINIMUM_POSES	Redock without H-bond filtering if less than this number of poses is found. Default: 0
OUTER_BOX	Dimension of grid enclosing box. Can take the value <i>auto</i> or a number. The value <i>auto</i> computes the box size from the size of the ligand, if the grid is centered on the ligand, or sets it to 26 Å if the grid is centered on the centroid of a set of residues. Default: <i>auto</i>
PRECISION	Glide docking precision. Can take the values <i>SP</i> or <i>XP</i> . Default: <i>SP</i>

Table 5.4. Keywords for the *GLIDE\_DOCKING* stage. (Continued)

Keyword	Description
RECEPTOR_CCUT	Partial charge threshold for scaling receptor van der Waals radii. Default: 0.25
RECEPTOR_SCALE	Scaling factor for receptor van der Waals radii. Default: 1.00

## 5.2.5 The *COMPILE\_RESIDUE\_LIST* Stage

The list of residues for Prime refinement is compiled in this section. The initial list includes all residues within a prescribed distance of the ligand (whose identity can be specified in terms of a set of residues). To this list specified residues that lie outside this cutoff can be added, and specified residues inside the cutoff can be omitted.

Table 5.5. Keywords for the *COMPILE\_RESIDUE\_LIST* stage.

Keyword	Description
CENTER	List of residues from which to measure the cutoff distance. Default: Z:999, which is the default for the ligand.
DISTANCE_CUTOFF	Cutoff distance (in angstroms) from the ligand pose, within which residues that have any atoms are included in the refinement list. Default: 5.0
RESIDUES_TO_ADD	Comma-separated list of residues to add to the refinement list. These should be residues that lie outside the distance cutoff
RESIDUES_TO_OMIT	Comma-separated list of residues to omit from the refinement list.

## 5.2.6 The *PRIME\_REFINEMENT* and *PRIME\_MINIMIZATION* Stages

These stages perform a Prime refinement or a Prime minimization: In Prime refinement, the side chains of the residue list compiled previously are optimized, then the residues are minimized along with the ligand. There are two stage settings: *NUMBER\_OF\_PASSES* *n*, and *USE\_MEMBRANE* {true|false} (optional). However, you can also add keywords for the *refinestruct* script, as described in [Section 11.5](#) of the *Prime User Manual*.

By default, only one pass through Prime refinement is performed, which consists of three steps:

1. Optimize side chains.
2. Minimize residues.
3. Minimize residues and ligand.

If multiple passes are requested, the first two steps are executed the number of times specified by *n*. Multiple passes could be useful if, for example, the active site is extremely packed. The minimization would open up the structure somewhat and allow a better side-chain prediction.

In Prime minimization, only the last two steps are performed, and they are performed only once. There is only one optional setting for `PRIME_MINIMIZATION`: `USE_MEMBRANE {true|false}`. However, you can also add keywords for the `refinestruct` script, as described in [Section 11.5](#) of the *Prime User Manual*. A Prime minimization is faster than a Prime refinement. You might want to use a Prime minimization if you are confident that the side chain conformations are essentially correct, or want to relax the structure without risking putting the side chains in new, and possibly bad, conformations.

### 5.2.7 The PRIME\_LOOP Stage

This stage performs a Prime loop prediction. If the receptor has a particularly flexible loop that might preclude ligand binding even with a softened potential, you could consider doing a loop prediction before the initial Glide docking. If there are more subtle loop movements associated with ligand binding that cannot be reached by minimization alone, you could consider adding a loop prediction after the Prime refinement.

Loop prediction is performed with the full input structure, including the ligand, if present. The input structure is the structure from the previous stage of the protocol. If the loop prediction is done as the first stage, the input structure is defined by `INPUT_FILE`. If you want to do an

Table 5.6. Keywords for the *PRIME\_LOOP* stage

Keyword	Description
<code>START_RESIDUE</code>	First residue in the loop.
<code>END_RESIDUE</code>	Last residue in the loop.
<code>DISTANCE_CUTOFF</code>	Threshold for inclusion of residues for side-chain refinement. Any residues with atoms within this distance are included. Default: 5.0.
<code>MAX_ENERGY_GAP</code>	Energy threshold for predicted loop structures (in kcal/mol). Structures are discarded if their energy is more than this amount above the lowest-energy structure. Default: 10000.0.
<code>MAX_STRUCTURES</code>	Maximum number of structures to retain. Default: 1000
<code>INCLUDE_RESIDUE_LIST</code>	Include the residues from <code>COMPILE_RESIDUE_LIST</code> for side-chain refinement. Can take values <code>TRUE</code> or <code>FALSE</code> . Default: <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>USE_MEMBRANE</code>	Use the implicit membrane model. Can take values <code>TRUE</code> or <code>FALSE</code> . Default: <code>FALSE</code> .

initial loop prediction on an apo protein, the structure defined by `INPUT_FILE` should be an apo structure, not a complex. If you perform the loop prediction after docking, the ligand from the docking calculation is present and cannot be removed.

In addition to predicting the loop itself, you can refine the side chains of other residues along with the loop. These residues can be selected beforehand with a `COMPILE_RESIDUE_LIST` stage, and added by setting `INCLUDE_RESIDUE_LIST` to `TRUE`, or added as a shell of residues within a distance specified by `DISTANCE_CUTOFF`. If you specify extra residues by both mechanisms, all members of both sets are included.

### 5.2.8 The SORT\_AND\_FILTER Stage

The sorting and filtering stage first groups all structures by the ligand contained within each structure. The poses for a particular ligand are then sorted by the property specified by `POSE_FILTER`. `POSE_KEEP` can then be used to keep the best poses, defined as those that have the smallest (most negative) value of the property, and discard the rest. After this filtering step,

Table 5.7. Keywords for the `SORT_AND_FILTER` stage.

Keyword	Description
<code>POSE_FILTER</code>	Name of Maestro property for filtering poses, for example, <code>r_psp_Prime_Energy</code>
<code>POSE_KEEP</code>	Threshold on property for filtering poses. The syntax is as follows: $n\%$ Keep the $n\%$ of poses with the lowest property values $n\#$ Keep the $n$ poses with the lowest property values $n$ Keep poses with property values within $n$ of the lowest value.
<code>LIGAND_FILTER</code>	Name of Maestro property for filtering ligands, for example, <code>r_psp_Prime_Energy</code>
<code>LIGAND_KEEP</code>	Threshold on property for filtering ligands. The syntax is the same as for <code>POSE_KEEP</code> .

the groups of poses for each ligand are sorted by the property specified by `LIGAND_FILTER` for the top pose in each group. `LIGAND_KEEP` can then be used to discard entire ligand groups, in the same way as with `POSE_KEEP`.

### 5.2.9 SCORING Settings

In this stage you can define the scoring function in terms of Maestro properties that are available in the output file from each stage. The default scoring function when you run Induced Fit Docking from Maestro is a two-term function that adds 0.05 of the Prime energy to the

GlideScore. You can provide a name for the property, which is written to the output Maestro file and can be displayed in the Project Table.

To define the scoring function, include `TERM` settings for each property that you want to include in the scoring function. The property must come from the Maestro output file of one of the previous stages. For the purpose of generating a scoring function, the stages are indexed by counting stages that produce output files backwards from the current stage, starting from zero. As an example, the indexes of the stages are shown to the left for the following sequence of stages.

```
4  STAGE  PPREP
3  STAGE  PRIME_LOOP
2  STAGE  GLIDE_DOCKING
   STAGE  COMPILE_RESIDUE_LIST
1  STAGE  PRIME_REFINEMENT
   STAGE  SORT_AND_FILTER
   STAGE  SORT_AND_FILTER
0  STAGE  GLIDE_DOCKING
   STAGE  SCORING
```

Table 5.8. Keywords for the scoring settings section

Keyword	Description
SCORE_NAME	Name of property to add to Maestro files. Must be in the format <code>r_psp_name</code> , where <i>name</i> is the property name displayed in Maestro.
TERM	Add a term to the scoring function. You can include multiple <code>TERM</code> keywords to define the scoring function. Format: <i>coeff</i> , <i>property</i> , <i>stage</i> , where <i>coeff</i> is the coefficient, <i>property</i> is the property from the Maestro output file, and <i>stage</i> is the index of the property-generating stage, counting backwards in the input file with 0 for the previous stage.
REPORT_FILE	CSV file containing ligand number, score, score terms, and file name of the structure. Default: <code>scores.csv</code>

The stages that do not generate a Maestro output file are `COMPILE_RESIDUE_LIST`, `SORT_AND_FILTER`, and `SCORING`. The `SCORING` stage adds the score to the Maestro file from the last stage.

The output from the scoring stage is a comma-separated value (CSV) file containing (in order) the ligand number, (which is always 1), the score, the list of terms in the score, and the file-name for the structure. The rows are sorted by the score. The CSV file and the files for the structures are in the `jobname_workdir` subdirectory. The default name is `scores.csv`.



## 5.2.10 Sample Input File

A sample input file, showing the default values, is given below. This file was generated for the tutorial example by clicking Write in the Induced Fit Docking panel. The comments are generated when the file is written.

```
# Global Variables
# These variables affect the entire job, and must all appear
# before the first STAGE declaration. Multiple INPUT_FILE
# entries are supported, as are files containing multiple
# receptor structures.
INPUT_FILEInducedFit1_rec.mae
SUBJOB_HOSTlocalhost
NUM_PRIME_CPUS1
NUM_GLIDE_CPUS1

# Protein Preparation
# Run a simple constrained minimization of the receptor
# structure(s).
STAGE PPREP
    RMSD0.18

STAGE TRIM_SIDECHAINS
    RESIDUESA:10B
# Prime Loop Prediction
# Perform a loop prediction on the specified loop, including
# side chains within the given distance. Only return
# structures within the specified energy range from the
# lowest energy prediction, up to the maximum number of
# conformations given.
#
# Note: This stage is disabled by default. Uncomment the
# lines below and edit the fields appropriately to enable it.
#STAGE PRIME_LOOP
# START_RESIDUE A:11
# END_RESIDUE A:16
# DISTANCE_CUTOFF 5.0
# MAX_ENERGY_GAP 30.0
# MAX_STRUCTURES 5

# Glide Docking
# Perform the initial Glide docking, producing a
# ligand-receptor complex for each pose requested/found.
# If multiple receptor structures are used, the requested
# number of poses will be generated for each structure.
STAGE GLIDE_DOCKING
    RECEPTOR_CCUT0.25
    LIGAND_FILEInducedFit1_lig.mae
```

```
LIGANDS_TO_DOCKall
LIGAND_CCUT0.15
CV_CUTOFF100.0
HBOND_CUTOFF-0.05
INNER_BOX10.0
BINDING_SITeligand _:400
OUTER_BOXauto
RECEPTOR_SCALE0.70
LIGAND_SCALE0.50
MAX_POSESPERLIG 2
PRECISIONSP

# Determine Residue to Refine
# Compile a list of all residues within the specified
# distance of any pose of the ligand.
STAGE COMPILE_RESIDUE_LIST
    DISTANCE_CUTOFF3.4

# Prime Refinement
# Optimize the side chains of the residue list compiled
# previously, then minimize them along with the ligand.
STAGE PRIME_REFINEMENT
    NUMBER_OF_PASSES1
# Sort and Filter
# Only retain poses with Prime Energies within the
# specified range from the lowest energy pose.
STAGE SORT_AND_FILTER
    POSE_FILTERr_psp_Prime_Energy
    POSE_KEEP30.0

# Sort and Filter
# Only retain the top number of poses specified.
STAGE SORT_AND_FILTER
    POSE_FILTERr_psp_Prime_Energy
    POSE_KEEP20#

# Glide Docking
# Redock the ligand back into the newly optimized receptor,
# using default Glide settings.
STAGE GLIDE_DOCKING
    BINDING_SITeligand Z:999
    RECEPTOR_SCALE1.00
    RECEPTOR_CCUT0.25
    LIGAND_FILEInducedFit1_lig.mae
    LIGANDS_TO_DOCKself
    LIGAND_SCALE0.80
    LIGAND_CCUT0.15
    CV_CUTOFF0.0
    HBOND_CUTOFF0.0
```

```

MAX_POSESPERLIG1
OUTER_BOXauto
PRECISIONSP

# Scoring
# Compile the IFD Score, consisting of the GlideScore for
# the Glide Redocking plus 5% of the Prime Energy from the
# Prime Refinement.
STAGE SCORING
  SCORE_NAME r_psp_IFDScore
  TERM 1.0,r_i_glide_gscore,0
  TERM 0.05,r_psp_Prime_Energy,1
  REPORT_FILE report.csv

```

## 5.3 Files

An Induced Fit docking run requires an input file, as described in the previous section, a file of ligands in Maestro format, and one or more receptor files, also in Maestro format.

As the induced fit docking job proceeds, input files and results files are written to the *jobname\_workdir* subdirectory of the output directory. If you are only interested in the final results, you need not be concerned with the intermediate files. If you want to examine the results for a given stage, however, you will need to know how these files are named.

### 5.3.1 Intermediate Files

The names of the intermediate files start with *jobname*, and each stage in the protocol appends a descriptive suffix to the names of the files that pass through it.

The input ligand file is named *jobname\_lig.mae* and each input receptor is written to a file named *jobname\_rec-N.mae*, where *N* is an index starting from 1.

The suffixes that are added and passed on are listed in [Table 5.9](#). The usual suffix for an output or log file is added to the stem inherited from the previous stage. For example, a docking stage adds *\_grid.log*, *\_dock.log*, *\_pv.mae*, *.rept*, *.log* for the various log and output files. The final file stem for a run that included all optional stages—protein preparation, loop refinement, and side-chain mutation—would be *jobname\_rec-N\_ref-out-M-trim\_pv-L-out-K*.

Table 5.9. Suffixes appended to the stem of the file name by each stage.

Suffix	Stage or process
_ref	Impref minimization
-trim	Side-chain mutation
_pv	Docking, used for pose-viewer output
-M	Index added for each receptor, pose, or loop.
-out	Prime loop prediction or refinement

### 5.3.2 Final Output Files

The final Maestro output file is copied to the launch directory with the name *jobname-out.mae*. The score is present as a Maestro property in these files. The scoring stage generates a comma-separated-values file in the *jobname\_workdir* directory, named *report.csv* by default.

The files produced by an Induced Fit Docking run in the output directory are listed in [Table 5.10](#).

Table 5.10. Files produced by Induced Fit Docking run.

File	Description
<i>jobname.log</i>	Log file, containing details of settings for each stage and execution of stages.
<i>jobname-out.mae</i>	Maestro file containing the results.
<i>jobname_restart</i>	Restart file. Stores the current state of the job. Rerunning the job detects this file and prompts for a restart or a new run.

A sample log file, for the tutorial Induced Fit Docking run, is shown below.

Monitoring job: InducedFit1

TCL\_LIBRARY: /zone2/NB\_r2005-1/latest/python-v30106/lib/Linux-x86/tcl8.3  
TK\_LIBRARY: /zone2/NB\_r2005-1/latest/python-v30106/lib/Linux-x86/tk8.3

```
=====
  Induced Fit Docking Calculation
=====
```

Started at: Sat Oct 22 11:29:27 2005  
Job ID: elham-0-435a8501

Here are the parameters that will be used:

General:

JobHost: localhost  
#Prime CPUs: 1  
#Glide CPUs: 1  
Working Dir: /zone1/dyall/inducedfit/InducedFit1\_workdir

Stage: Protein Preparation

Max RMSD: 0.18

Stage: Trimming Sidechains

Residues: A:10B

Stage: Glide Docking

Receptor Scaling: 0.70  
Receptor Scaling Cutoff: 0.25  
Ligand Source: InducedFit1\_lig.mae  
Ligand To Dock: all  
Precision: SP  
Ligand Scaling: 0.50  
Ligand Scaling Cutoff: 0.15  
CV Cutoff: 100.0  
H-Bond Cutoff: -0.05  
Poses Per Ligand: 2  
Minimum Poses: 0

Stage: Determine Residues for Refinement

Distance Cutoff: 3.4 A  
Additional Residues:  
Omit Residues:

Stage: Prime Active Site Optimization

Number of Passes: 1

Stage: Sorting and Filtering

Pose Filter: r\_psp\_Prime\_Energy  
Keep: 30.0  
Ligand Filter: <none>  
Keep: <none>

Stage: Sorting and Filtering

Pose Filter: r\_psp\_Prime\_Energy  
Keep: 20#  
Ligand Filter: <none>  
Keep: <none>

Stage: Glide Docking

Receptor Scaling: 1.00  
Receptor Scaling Cutoff: 0.25

```
Ligand Source:      InducedFit1_lig.mae
Ligand To Dock:     self
Precision:          SP
Ligand Scaling:     0.80
Ligand Scaling Cutoff: 0.15
CV Cutoff:          0.0
H-Bond Cutoff:      0.0
Poses Per Ligand:   1
Minimum Poses:      0
```

Stage: Scoring

```
Score = + 1.0 r_i_glide_gscore(0) + 0.05 r_psp_Prime_Energy(1)
Report File: report.csv
```

Number of initial structures: 1

Stage: Protein Preparation

Job elham-0-435a850a launched.

Job elham-0-435a850a finished.

Structures to be carried forward: 1

Stage completed. Elapsed time: 152.1 seconds

Stage: Trimming Sidechains

Structures to be carried forward: 1

Stage completed. Elapsed time: 0.8 seconds

Stage: Glide Docking

Job elham-0-435a85a2 launched.

Job elham-0-435a85a2 finished.

Structures to be carried forward: 2

Stage completed. Elapsed time: 213.0 seconds

Stage: Determine Residues for Refinement

Calculating residue distances...

Structures to be carried forward: 2

Stage completed. Elapsed time: 9.6 seconds

Stage: Prime Active Site Optimization

Job elham-0-435a8681 launched.

Job elham-0-435a8681 finished.

Job elham-0-435a87e1 launched.

Job elham-0-435a87e1 finished.

Structures to be carried forward: 2

Stage completed. Elapsed time: 734.6 seconds

Stage: Sorting and Filtering

Structures to be carried forward: 2

Stage completed. Elapsed time: 1.6 seconds

```
Stage: Sorting and Filtering
  Structures to be carried forward: 2
Stage completed. Elapsed time: 0.7 seconds

Stage: Glide Docking
  Job elham-0-435a8962 launched.
  Job elham-0-435a8962 finished.
  Job elham-0-435a8a49 launched.
  Job elham-0-435a8a49 finished.
  Structures to be carried forward: 2
Stage completed. Elapsed time: 484.9 seconds

Stage: Scoring
  Structures to be carried forward: 2
Stage completed. Elapsed time: 2.8 seconds

Completed at: Sat Oct 22 11:56:12 2005
Total elapsed time: 1603.8 seconds
```

## 5.4 Running Induced Fit Docking from Pregenerated Glide Results

It can be useful to run a separate Glide job instead of running the initial docking through IFD—for example, if you want to use options not available through IFD, such as addition of metal, hydrophobic, or positional constraints. To use the results of a separate Glide run, follow the procedure below:

1. Ensure that the protein is properly prepared for both Glide and Prime.

To prepare the protein, use the Protein Preparation Wizard panel, which you can open from the Workflows menu.

2. (Optional) Mutate receptor side chains to ALA in your Glide job, by using one of the following approaches:
  - Mutate the residues to ALA in the Build panel, and then change the residue name back to the original residue name.
  - Delete all the side chain atoms beyond the CB, and then apply hydrogen treatment to the CB so that it has three hydrogens.

Both approaches produce ALA sidechains while retaining the original residue name, which is required in order for Prime to rebuild the full residue during the optimization stage of induced fit docking.

### 3. Run grid generation and serial Glide docking jobs.

You can select the desired constraints or other options for the Glide jobs. You should save multiple poses per ligand (the IFD default is 20) and applying IFD scalings (0.5 for the ligand, and 0.7/0.5 for the receptor with/without mutations).

You must run this initial Glide docking job serially because IFD uses the `lignum` Glide property to determine which poses were generated from a particular ligand. Running Glide in parallel results in duplicated `lignum` values, and this would interfere with ligand and pose tracking by `ifd`.

### 4. Set up an Induced Fit Docking job in Maestro as if you were running all stages from the beginning.

You can choose any settings for the Initial Glide docking stage, because this stage will not be used. For the ligands to be docked, browse for the ligand file used as input for the Glide job.

### 5. Write the job files with the Write button, but do not start the job.

### 6. Edit the `jobname.inp` file:

- a. Comment out the `STAGE PPREP` section, the `STAGE TRIM_SIDECHAINS` section and the first `STAGE GLIDE_DOCKING` section.
- b. For the `INPUT_FILE` (at the top), change the reference from `jobname_rec.mae` to the pose viewer file from your Glide job, `glidejob_pv.mae` file.

### 7. Run the Induced Fit Docking job from the command line:

```
$SCHRODINGER/ifd jobname.inp
```

You can monitor the job's progress in the `jobname.log` file, or in the Monitor panel. The results can be seen in the structure output file `jobname-out.mae`.



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# Getting Help

Schrödinger software is distributed with documentation in PDF format. If the documentation is not installed in `$SCHRODINGER/docs` on a computer that you have access to, you should install it or ask your system administrator to install it.

For help installing and setting up licenses for Schrödinger software and installing documentation, see the [Installation Guide](#). For information on running jobs, see the [Job Control Guide](#).

Maestro has automatic, context-sensitive help (Auto-Help and Balloon Help, or tooltips), and an online help system. To get help, follow the steps below.

- Check the Auto-Help text box, which is located at the foot of the main window. If help is available for the task you are performing, it is automatically displayed there. Auto-Help contains a single line of information. For more detailed information, use the online help.
- If you want information about a GUI element, such as a button or option, there may be Balloon Help for the item. Pause the cursor over the element. If the Balloon Help does not appear, check that Show Balloon Help is selected in the Maestro menu of the main window. If there is Balloon Help for the element, it appears within a few seconds.
- For information about a panel or the tab that is displayed in a panel, click the Help button in the panel, or press F1. The help topic is displayed in your browser.
- For other information in the online help, open the default help topic by choosing Online Help from the Help menu on the main menu bar or by pressing CTRL+H. This topic is displayed in your browser. You can navigate to topics in the navigation bar.

The Help menu also provides access to the manuals (including a full text search), the FAQ pages, the New Features pages, and several other topics.

If you do not find the information you need in the Maestro help system, check the following sources:

- [Maestro User Manual](#), for detailed information on using Maestro
- [Maestro Command Reference Manual](#), for information on Maestro commands
- [Maestro Overview](#), for an overview of the main features of Maestro
- [Maestro Tutorial](#), for a tutorial introduction to basic Maestro features
- [Glide User Manual](#), for information on using Glide
- [Glide Quick Start Guide](#), for Glide tutorials
- [Prime User Manual](#), for information on using Prime

- *Prime Quick Start Guide*, for Prime tutorials
- Frequently Asked Questions pages, at [https://www.schrodinger.com/InducedFit\\_FAQ.html](https://www.schrodinger.com/InducedFit_FAQ.html)
- Known Issues pages, available on the [Support Center](#).

The manuals are also available in PDF format from the Schrödinger [Support Center](#). Local copies of the FAQs and Known Issues pages can be viewed by opening the file `Suite_2009_Index.html`, which is in the `docs` directory of the software installation, and following the links to the relevant index pages.

Information on available scripts can be found on the [Script Center](#). Information on available software updates can be obtained by choosing Check for Updates from the Maestro menu.

If you have questions that are not answered from any of the above sources, contact Schrödinger using the information below.

E-mail: [help@schrodinger.com](mailto:help@schrodinger.com)

USPS: Schrödinger, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, OR 97204

Phone: (503) 299-1150

Fax: (503) 299-4532

WWW: <http://www.schrodinger.com>

FTP: <ftp://ftp.schrodinger.com>

Generally, e-mail correspondence is best because you can send machine output, if necessary. When sending e-mail messages, please include the following information:

- All relevant user input and machine output
- Induced Fit Docking purchaser (company, research institution, or individual)
- Primary Induced Fit Docking user
- Computer platform type
- Operating system with version number
- Version numbers of products installed for Induced Fit Docking
- Maestro version number
- mmshare version number

On UNIX you can obtain the machine and system information listed above by entering the following command at a shell prompt:

```
$SCHRODINGER/utilities/postmortem
```

This command generates a file named `username-host-schrodinger.tar.gz`, which you should send to [help@schrodinger.com](mailto:help@schrodinger.com). If you have a job that failed, enter the following command:

```
$SCHRODINGER/utilities/postmortem jobid
```

where *jobid* is the job ID of the failed job, which you can find in the Monitor panel. This command archives job information as well as the machine and system information, and includes input and output files (but not structure files). If you have sensitive data in the job launch directory, you should move those files to another location first. The archive is named *jobid-archive.tar.gz*, and should be sent to [help@schrodinger.com](mailto:help@schrodinger.com) instead.

If Maestro fails, an error report that contains the relevant information is written to the current working directory. The report is named *maestro\_error.txt*, and should be sent to [help@schrodinger.com](mailto:help@schrodinger.com). A message giving the location of this file is written to the terminal window.

More information on the *postmortem* command can be found in [Appendix A](#) of the *Job Control Guide*.

On Windows, machine and system information is stored on your desktop in the file *schrodinger\_machid.txt*. If you have installed software versions for more than one release, there will be multiple copies of this file, named *schrodinger\_machid-N.txt*, where *N* is a number. In this case you should check that you send the correct version of the file (which will usually be the latest version).

If Maestro fails to start, send email to [help@schrodinger.com](mailto:help@schrodinger.com) describing the circumstances, and attach the file *maestro\_error.txt*. If Maestro fails after startup, attach this file and the file *maestro.EXE.dmp*. These files can be found in the following directory:

```
%USERPROFILE%\Local Settings\Application Data\Schrodinger\appcrash
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